

The Delaware State Police K9 Unit Graduation



Dover – The Delaware State Police Canine Training Unit held a graduation ceremony for the 2017 Fall Patrol Certification class. All of their hard work paid off with eight teams successfully completing three months of intense training with new K9's. During the ceremony, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. recognized the graduating teams led by K9 handlers, Master Corporals Lenny Aguilar and Jeffrey Miller for their commitment and dedication.

The ceremony took place on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at the Delaware State Police Training Academy and included multiple agencies throughout the state. The graduating class consisted of eight new Patrol K9 teams comprised of five Delaware State Police teams, one Newark Police Department team, one Dover Police Department team, and one Laurel Police Department team.

The ceremony celebrated and recognized the successful completion of 12-14 weeks of various training methods including; obedience, confidence course, tracking, building searches, areas searches, suspect apprehension, and officer protection. In addition to the requirements set by the Delaware State Police Canine Unit, all the teams were trained to meet the standards of the Nation Police Canine Association. Also, in addition to the Patrol teams, three K9 teams were cross trained in Narcotics detection and are now Dual Purpose Patrol & Narcotics detection teams.

The graduation of the newest trained K9 handlers and their partners for the Fall Patrol Certification and the Dual Purpose Patrol & Narcotics Certification Classes include:

Fall Patrol Certification Teams: Cpl/2 Todd Buchert & K9 Riddick-Troop 4, Cpl/2 Brian Page & K9 Rino-Troop 7, Cpl. Nick Ronzo & K9 Bane-Troop 2 GTF, TFC. Pete Irwin & K9 Chico-Troop 1, TFC. Ben Nefosky & K9 Mako-Troop 1, Cpl. Joe Kansak & K9 Havoc-Laurel PD, Cpl. Adam Stevens & K9 Varg-Newark PD, PFC. Brooks Ogden & K9 Zeus-Dover PD

Dual Purpose Patrol & Narcotics Certification Teams: Cpl. Chip Fidler and K9 Macho- Troop 4, Cpl. Eric Saccomanno and K9 Nuke-Troop 9, Cpl. Adam Stevens and K9 Varg- Newark PD.

Congratulations to each K9 Team!

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